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SUBJ: NCU ELECTIONS SET FOR MAY 18

1. ALL SEOUL VERNACULAR PRESS APRIL 28 GAVE FRONT-PAGE TREATMENT TO STORY THAT ELECTIONS FOR SECOND GROUP OF DELEGATES TO NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR UNIFICATION (NCU) WOULD BE HELD MAY 18. STORIES REPORT THAT KIM CH'I-YOL, MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS, CALLED ON DRP AND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OFFICIALS APRIL 27 WITH THIS MESSAGE MINISTER KIM IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT ROKGHAD ORIGINALLY PLANNED TO HOLD ELECTIONS AT END OF MAY, BUT HAD ADVANCED DATE TO MID-MONTH TO AVOID "OVER-HEATED" ATOMSPHERE.

2. MAY 18 DATE, WHICH REPORTEDLY WILL BE APPROVED BY CABINET FRIDAY AND ANNOUNCED BY PRESIDENT PAK APRIL 29, MEANS THAT ASPIRING CANDIDATES MUST COMPLETE THEIR REGISTRATION BY MAY AND THAT PERIOD OF STRICTLY CONTROLLED ELECTIONEERING WILL RUN FOR THIRTEEN DAYS UNTIL MAY 17. GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO REPORTEDLY DECIDED TO DESIGNATE MAY 18 AS A HOLIDAY THIS YEAR.

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3. HAN'GUK ILBO ADDS THAT IT HAS LEARNED THAT APPROXIMATELY 7,500 CANDIDATES WILL REGISTER FOR THE 2,583 DELEGATE POSITIONS, FOR AN OVERALL COMPETITION RATIO OF THREE TO ONE.
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